

Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge

Holla Bend refuge is an important part of our National Wildlife Refuge System. This area was established to provide essential habitat for migratory birds in the Mississippi Valley flyway. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation’s fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people.

Refuge Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. The refuge office is closed on weekends and federal holidays.

General Refuge Regulations

By law, public use activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography are permitted on the refuge in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations subject to the following conditions.

Access and Vehicle Use

Holla Bend refuge is a nationally designated Fee Area, and a daily vehicle entrance permit/pass is required. Annual and lifetime passes are available. Contact the refuge manager for current entrance fee requirements.

The maximum speed for any land vehicle is 35 mph, unless posted otherwise. ATV’s are allowed only for wildlife dependent activities by disabled individuals possessing a refuge special use permit. Refuge roads are open year around. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the map. Vehicles may be parked alongside open roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Do not block cabled or gated roads, field roads or trails. A cable, gate, road closed sign, or other barrier (i.e. mounded dirt) means the road is closed to all vehicle travel but not to foot travel unless signed otherwise.

Emergency Telephone

Access into the refuge is through an automatically time controlled gate. Closing times are posted near the entrance. If you are locked in the refuge or need assistance there is an emergency telephone located in the office parking lot. This telephone is a direct line to the Yell County Sheriffs office in Dardanelle. Please give them your name and state what type of assistance you need.

Closed Areas

Designated areas may be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access to provide resource protection, special management or safety reasons. All refuge access is prohibited after dark unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.

Weapons

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless specifically authorized. Firearms, archery tackle, and crossbows are permitted only during designated hunts. Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats. Archery tackle and crossbows must be uncocked with arrow uncocked from string.

Animals/Pets

Dogs are permitted for raccoon hunting only during specified refuge season. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s name, address and telephone number. Other dogs and pets must be confined or on a leash. Horses are prohibited.

Tree Stands/Portable Blinds

Tree stands or portable blinds may be placed on the refuge two days before season opens and must be removed by two days after season closes. One tree stand or blind per hunter is allowed and must be permanently marked with hunter’s name and address.

Specific Hunting Regulations

All big game (deer, turkey) bagged, found or parts thereof must be checked at the refuge check station before leaving the refuge. When required, the back of your state license must be completed before game is moved.

State bag limits apply unless otherwise noted. Only those species listed in this brochure or on refuge hunt permits may be taken.

During big game seasons the automatic front gate will open one hour before daylight and close one hour after sunset. Consult each specific hunt permit for additional information.

All hunters must enter and exit the refuge from designated roads and parking lots only.

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge and parts of the surrounding area that fall within the Migratory Bird Closure Zone.

Hunter Education

All hunters born after December 31, 1968 must possess a hunter education card. In addition, hunters under 16 years of age must be accompanied (in sight and in normal voice contact) at all times by an adult 21 or older. Each adult can supervise only one youth.

Permits are Required for All Refuge Hunts

When signed and in your possession, the general hunt permit on the front of this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts. Deer, turkey and raccoon hunts also require a refuge hunt permit. Hunt permits are \$12.50 and can be obtained at the refuge office during office hours or by sending a money order or cashiers check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the address on this brochure. No personal checks will be accepted. For additional information, please contact the refuge office.

Check Station

During the deer and turkey hunts, refuge staff may collect biological data. Collection of this information is needed for management decisions. For all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge, the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license kill information using **330** as zone of kill. Deer and turkey must be checked at the refuge check station which is also an official AG&FC check station.

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night during the month of February. Permits are available in January. Consult hunt permit for gate closing time. Use of dogs required. Only rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber are permitted.

Deer (Archery/Crossbow)

October 1 – November 31. Permits are available beginning September 1.

Turkey (Archery/Crossbow)

Same dates as State gun season. Permits are available beginning March 1.

Turkey (Gun Youth)

Quota hunt only. Contact refuge for dates and number of permits. Youth hunt restricted to youths under 16 years of age (as of December 15). Youths must be accompanied by an adult who is 21 years of age or older. During youth hunts, the refuge is closed to all other hunting-related activities including turkey scouting and photography.

Applications must be made on 3 x 5 postcard or on an index card mailed in an envelope. Include the applicant’s name, mailing address, date of birth and the date of the hunt for which he/she is applying. Only one applicant per card. Applications must be postmarked during January. If drawn, a \$12.50 hunt permit and current refuge brochure will be required to hunt on refuge lands.

Specific Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing is permitted March 1 – October 31 from sunrise to sunset on all waters of the refuge. Permits are not required to fish. Vehicle entrance fee/pass is required.

Fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations subject to the following special conditions.

Bowfishing

Bowfishing is permitted during daylight hours from August 1 – August 31. Bowfishing equipment only, no broadheads, field points or metal arrows.

Frogging

Frogs may be taken during daylight hours from May 1 – May 31.

Trotline, Setline, Limblines and Yo-Yo fishing

During regular fishing season only. Can not be left overnight or unattended. Lines must be secured with cotton line which extends into the water. Limit 20 devices per person. Each device must be clearly labeled with fisherman’s name and current address, driver’s license number or vehicle license number. State regulations apply.

Commercial Fishing

Commercial fishing is allowed by Special Use Permit only. Contact refuge manager for additional information.

Prohibited Activities

Camping and fires.

Littering (including, but not limited to shotgun shell hulls and cigarette butts).

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.

Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for any refuge activity.

Cutting, painting or defacing trees.

Possession or use of herbicides.

Marking trails with tape, ribbons, or paint. Use of biodegradable materials to mark trails is permitted.

Target practice.

Leaving a hunt stand or blind after a hunt season.

Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any ingestible attractant.

All forms of man-deer drives.

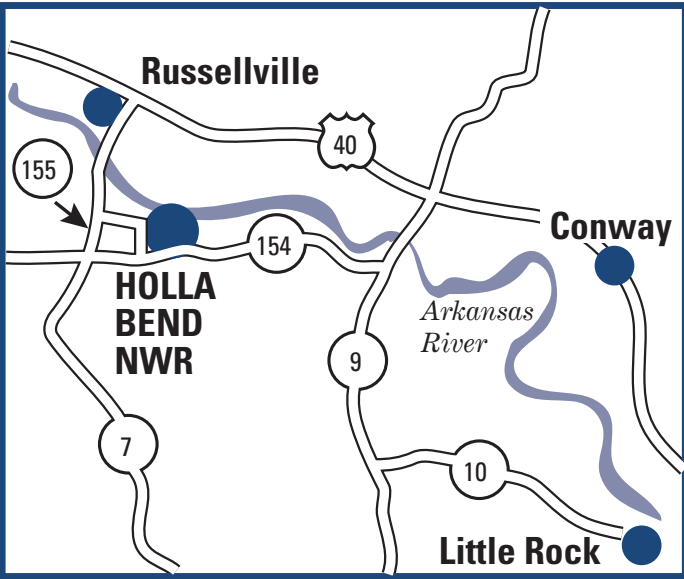
Spotlighting – artificial light (including vehicle lights) may not be used to locate wildlife.

Hunting within 150 feet of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use.

Loaded weapons in vehicle or boat while under power.

Drive a screw, nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.

No airboats, water skiing, jet skis, or other personal watercraft.



Signs



Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs:

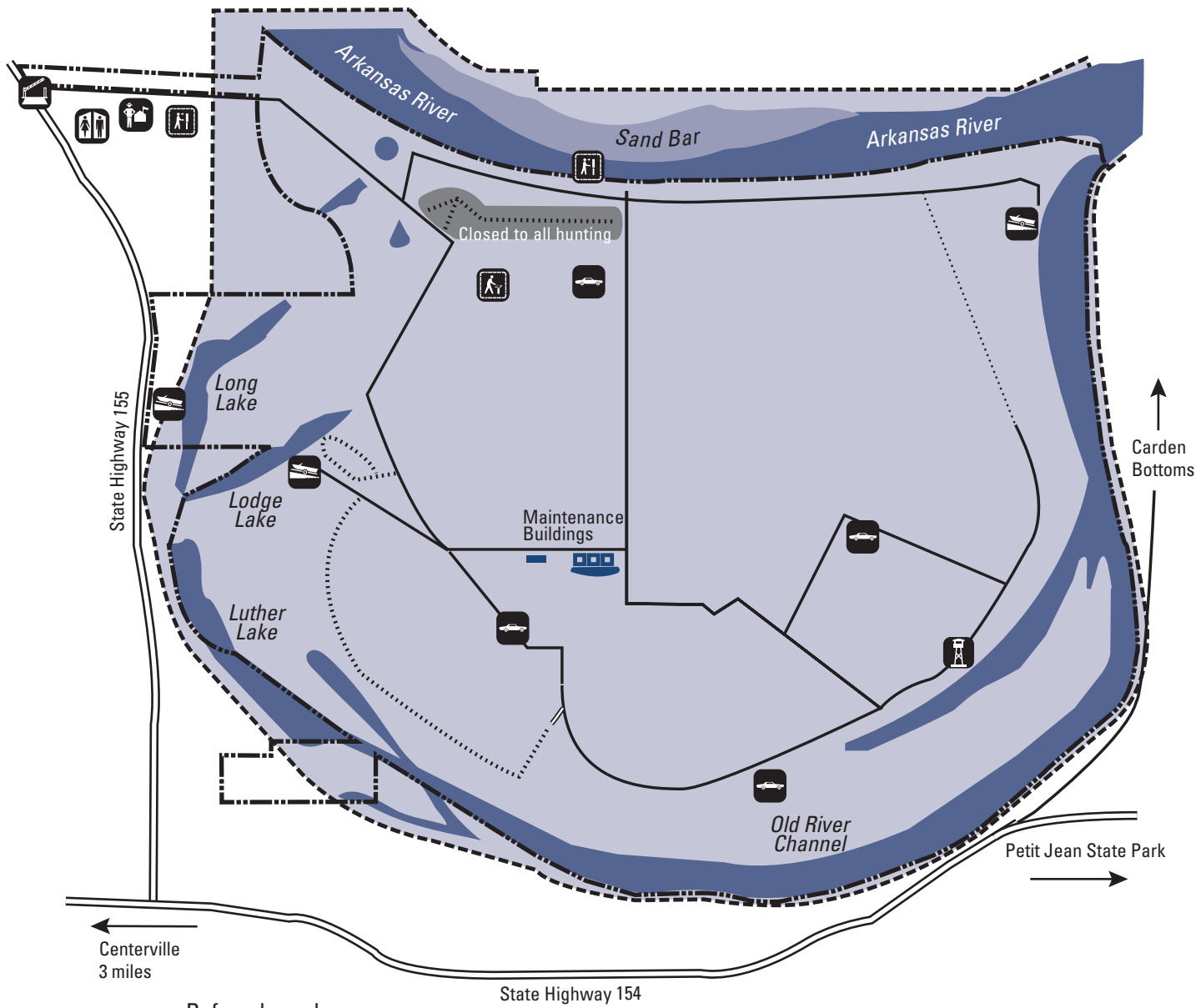
Refuge Boundary
Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

Closed Area
All entry prohibited.

No Hunting Zone
Hunting, weapons or game retrieval prohibited.

No Vehicles
All vehicle traffic prohibited. Foot travel only.

Migratory Bird Closure Zone
Area behind signs closed to the taking/hunting of migratory birds.



- Refuge boundary
- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- Walk-in access
- Closed to hunting for all migratory birds
- Closed to all hunting

- Automatic gate
- Auto tour route
- Boat ramp
- Information station
- Observation tower

This map is provided for general reference only. Actual refuge boundary is signed.

- Public restrooms
- Wildlife trail
- Refuge office/ Entrance fee station

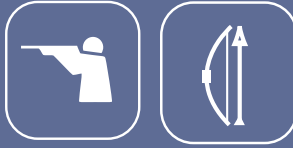
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Hunt Permit

The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunts. Archery/crossbow hunt permits are issued separately at refuge office.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature